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SA SIDES DOMINATE QUADRANGULAR TOURNEY



ALL SET: The SA teams before the event

With crisp winter mornings welcoming the competing countries for the 2016 Quadrangular Tournament, namely South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe, plus the South African Juniors, players knew they were in for a challenging time. But greens at hosting Edenvale Bowling Club, in Ekurhuleni (the former Eastern Transvaal), were slick and well prepared thanks to the ever watchful eye of greenkeeper guru Billy Morehen.

To go back to the title of Quadrangular – where was the fourth country? As last year, the fourth competitor took shape in the ever up and coming form of the SA Juniors, showing two new caps to the side in Stephan de Jager (Boland) and Brendan Ainley (Natal Inland) - two aspiring young bowlers winning their way up through the ranks.

The usual plethora of SA talent was selected across the board to defend the various titles won in last year's event held in Namibia.

It was a disappointment all round when it was announced the Namibian Seniors would not be attending this year's competition due to not seeing eye to eye with the format set out by Bowls South Africa, in accordance with World Bowls (WB).

This format was – Singles: standard four bowls, first to 21, Pairs: three 3 bowls a player, 18 ends; Triples: two bowls a player, 18 ends; Fours: two bowls a player, 18 ends. Excluding singles, the disciplines were given a time limit of 165 minutes, not including trial ends. This also helped in the organisation as timing was critical.

It meant with all subject to identical time restrictions and, therefore, completing games within a minute or two of one another, it allowed for tea and lunch periods to run smoothly – a quick in and out affair, with more focus on games in hand. The Namibian Seniors requested to play their normal four-bowl pairs and three-bowl triples, reasoning seniors were unaffected by the World Bowls format.

The WB format worked well, as it has obviously been tried and tested. Players were well with in their time limits on the games and this made the games exciting for spectators, who despite chilly winds came down in droves, even on the normal working day of Friday (cricket organisers please note!), to watch a demonstration of

outstanding bowls.

SA's women and men deservedly won their series overall, with the SA Juniors an exuberant second and the Seniors triumphing over Zimbabwe.

As summed up perfectly by Brendan on a post on the BSA Facebook page "Well done to all the organisers and to Bowls South Africa for a great tournament! What an honour receiving my colours! Very proud moment and my 'bowls dream' realised. It was well done to all SA players on a stunning performance a big thanks to all the visitors."



FOURS WIN: Nici Neal, Sue Nel, Elma Davis, Sylvia Burns

TEAMS

PROTEAS: MEN: Gerry Baker (JBA), Pierre Breitenbach (NWB), Jason Evans (JBA) Rudi Jacobs (NWB) Thinus Oelofse (EKB), Morgan Muvhango (SBAs); **WOMEN:** Sylvia Burns (WP), Elma Davis (EDB), Nici Neal (SBA), Susan Nel (SBA), Colleen Piketh (JBA), Anneke Snyman (BOL).

SENIORS: MEN: Eddie Fann (KBA), Geoff Gowar (EPB), Willie Kilian (EPB), Mike Marnewick (SAB), Bernardus van der Spuy (BGN); **WOMEN:** Arlene Bosse (EDB), Marina Brink (WP), Glenda Matthews (PNB), Jenny Raymond (EDB) Ellie van Coller (EKB).

JUNIORS: MEN: Brendan Ainley (NIBA), Stephan de Jager (BOL), Shawn Janse van Vuuren (MBA), Wilson Malobolo (SBA), Corrie Tagg (SBA); **WOMEN:** Ezile Fourie (BOL), Rienie Lucas (BGN), Shimanda Nepgen (EKB), Ashleigh Parks (JBA), Roxanne Tingle (JBA).

NAMIBIA: MEN: Steven Peake, Piet Appollis, Dave Gibbons, Axel Krahenbuhl, Rudi Vaessler; **WOMEN:** Lesley Vermeulen, Marietjie van den Bergh, Anjuleen Viljoen, Debbie Voigts, Amanda Steenkamp

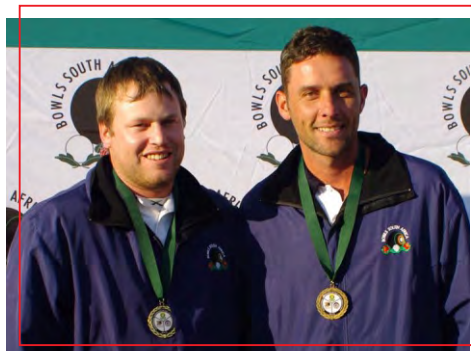
ZIMBABWE: MEN: Denis Streak, Clive Robertson, Mike Eaton, Terry Bowes, Jono Evans. **WOMEN:** Jane Rigby, Mel James, Caro McDonnell, Debbie Robertson, Boni Van Heerden. **Manager -** Marion Seager. **SENIORS: Champion** Sibanda, Everett Barrow, Malcolm Evans, Derek Robinson



DEBUT: SA president Kallie Haupt "caps" Brendan Ainley



HAPPY: Wilson Malobolo



PAIRS GOLD: Stephan de Jager and Shawn Janse van Vuuren



SOLID SKILLS: Gerry Baker and Jason Evans

RESULTS

WOMEN:

TRIPS: SA Proteas 7 pts, +14; Namibia 6 pts, +11; Zimbabwe 4 pts, -1; SA Juniors 0 pts, -24.

PAIRS: SA Proteas 7 pts, +30; SA Juniors 6 pts, +2; Namibia 3 pts, -13; Zimbabwe 1 pts, -19.

FOURS: SA Proteas 6 pts, +22; Zimbabwe 6pts, +1; SA Juniors 6 pts, Namibia 0 pts, -15.

SINGLES: SA Proteas 9 pts, +42; SA Juniors 3 pts, -8; Zimbabwe 3 pts, -11; Namibia 3pts, -23.

OVERALL: SA Proteas 29 pts, +108; SA Juniors 15 pts, -32; Zimbabwe 14 pts, -37; Namibia 12 pts, -46.

MEN:

TRIPS: SA Proteas 9 pts, +28; Zimbabwe 4 pts, -3; SA Juniors 4 pts, -6; Namibia 0 pts, -19.

PAIRS: SA Juniors 9 pts, +20; SA Proteas 6 pts, +19; Zimbabwe 3 pts, -10; Namibia 0 pts, -29.

FOURS: SA Proteas 9 pts, +42; SA Juniors 6 pts, +5, Zimbabwe 3 pts, -19, Namibia 0 pts, -40.

SINGLES: SA Proteas 9 pts, +42; SA Juniors 6 pts, +17, Zimbabwe 3 pts, -19, Namibia 0 pts, -40.

OVERALL: SA Proteas 33pts, +129; SA Juniors 25 pts, +46, Zimbabwe 13pts, -47, Namibia 0 pts, -128

SENIOR WOMEN:

TRIPS: SA 9 pts, +26; Zimbabwe 3 pts, -26.

PAIRS: SA 6 pts, +20; Zimbabwe 3 pts, -20.

FOURS: SA 3 pts, -3; Zimbabwe 6pts, +3.

SINGLES: SA 3 pts, +4; Zimbabwe 6 pts, -4.

OVERALL: SA 21 pts, +48; Zimbabwe 15 pts, -48.

SENIOR MEN:

TRIPS: SA 9 pts, +55; Zimbabwe 0 pts, -55.

PAIRS: SA 9 pts, +23; Zimbabwe 0 pts, -23.

FOURS: SA 9 pts, +64; Zimbabwe 0 pts, +64.

SINGLES: SA 6 pts, +4; Zimbabwe 3 pts, -4.

OVERALL: SA 33 pts, +146; Zimbabwe 3 pts, -146.

DÉJÀ VU LOOMS AT AFRICAN STATES IN HARARE

Perennially South African bowlers dominate the African States tournament; this year should be no different. Two strong sides will play against African nation opposition at the City Bowling Club in Harare Gardens Zimbabwe from September 10-18.

In a steaming hot Lusaka, Zambia last year, the figures read: Men: Gold overall: South Africa: +171 shots, 39 points; Silver: Zimbabwe +142; 30; Bronze: Kenya: +83, 29; then: Botswana -6; 20; Zambia -107; 19; Namibia -33, 17, Malawi -222, 4. Individual gold medals: Pairs, Triples, Fours Singles: South Africa: Women: Gold overall: South Africa +164, 36; Silver: Botswana -8, 22; Bronze: Zambia +39, 21; then came: Zimbabwe -29, 20; Kenya -92, 12; Namibia -81, 9; Individual gold medals: Triples, Singles, Fours: South Africa; Pairs: Zambia.

Harare, Salisbury until 1982, is the capital and most populous city of Zimbabwe. Situated in the north-east of the country in the heart of Mashonaland, the city has an estimated population of 1 606 000 (200 0 with 2 800 000 in its metropolitan area (2006). Administratively, Harare is a metropolitan province, which also incorporates Chitungwiza town and Epworth. It is at 1 483m (4 865 feet) and its climate falls into the subtropical highland category.

The city was founded in 1890 by the pioneer Column, a small military force in the service of the British South Africa Company, and named Fort Salisbury after the British Prime Minister Lord Salisbury. Company administrators demarcated the city and ran it until Southern Rhodesia achieved responsible government in 1923. Salisbury was thereafter the seat of the Southern Rhodesian (later Rhodesian) government and, between 1953 and 1963, the capital of the Central African Federation. It retained the name Salisbury until 1982, when it was renamed Harare on the second anniversary of Zimbabwean independence.

Harare is Zimbabwe's leading financial, commercial, and communications centre, and a

trade center for tobacco, maize, cotton, and citrus fruits. Manufactured goods include textiles, steel and chemicals, and gold is mined in the area. The city's suburbs include Borrowdale, Mount Pleasant and Avondale; the most affluent neighbourhoods are to the north.

This year sees changes – two deserved new caps in Brendan Ainley (Natal Inland) and Stephan de Jager (Boland) who have shown to good effect in the past 18 months at district national and junior international levels; moreover, a changed format of playing three games a day with 18 ends for pairs, trips and fours will shorten the tournament by two days.

The women have top Protea skip Susan Nel (SBA), Elma Davis (EDB), both in the SA side for World Bowls at Christchurch, New Zealand in November, plus consistent Bronwyn Webber (PNB), Esmé Kruger (BGN) and the effervescent Anneke Snyman (BOL) – all of which should be too good for any African opposition.

National singles and fours champion Morgan Muvhango (SBA) and Commonwealth Games

gold medallist Prince Neluonde (JBA) along with a national and SA Masters Singles champion Rudi Jacobs (NW) remain from last year with the two new faces making up the side.

Alan Simmonds
Media Officer, Bowls South Africa

TEAMS

MEN: SINGLES: Rudi Jacobs; **PAIRS:** Morgan Muvhango/Prince Neluonde; **TRIPS:** Rudi Jacobs/Brendan Ainley/Stephan de Jager; **FOURS:** Morgan Muvhango/Brendan Ainley/Stephan de Jager/Prince Neluonde. **WOMEN: SINGLES:** Bronwyn Webber; **PAIRS:** Esme Kruger/ Bronwyn Webber; **TRIPS:** Susan Nel/ Elma Davis/ Anneke Snyman; **FOURS:** Susan Nel/ Elma Davis/ Esme Kruger/ Anneke Snyman; **MANAGER:** Hertzog Meiring.



WORLD BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHRISTCHURCH NZ 2016

KIWIS MIX EXPERIENCE AND YOUTH FOR WORLD BOWLS

The New Zealand Blackjacks team for World Bowls Championships at Christchurch in boasts a mix of both experience and youth. While past World Champions Jo Edwards and Val Smith return for their fourth World Championships, half those selected will be playing their first.

In selecting the team National Coach and selector Dave Edwards said: 'I have been in this role for nearly 10 years now, and while I have said it before, this really would be the toughest team to select that I have had in that period. Tough because we had excellent competition for places in the team. There are some extremely unlucky players, with a couple of the positions decided by the finest of details. As a selection panel we spent hours discussing the options and slowly but surely we firmed up the side.

For the players selected, the hard work will now begin, and those players have to ensure they leave no stone unturned to be at their best come day one of the event. This is to not only ensure we all perform to our best but also as a sign of respect to those in the squad who missed out.

We are confident we have selected a team that will produce the goods in Christchurch and bring home a good haul of medals - a number of

those being Gold ones."

The women's side sees Nelson stalwarts Edwards and Smith joined by Canterbury's Boyd sisters and 20-year-old Katelyn Inch. Current Commonwealth Champion Jo Edwards will, as expected, play singles and pairs. In a surprise move, however, she will not be playing with old friend Val Smith in the pairs, but with national pairs champion for the last two years Angela Boyd.

The selection of both Boyd and Inch were without doubt two of the positions the selectors would have thought long and hard about. The two selected players beating off strong challenges from Commonwealth Games bronze medallist Selina Goddard and Nelson's Kirsten Griffin.

The country's premier skip Mandy Boyd will spearhead both the triples and fours which include the experienced Smith and newcomer Inch. Inch has over the last year had an incredibly fast rise through the ranks to take her place on the sport's biggest stage. Her team fit in the end being critical to selection.

In the men's Shannon McIlroy will contest, as he did in 2012, the blue ribbon singles event. He will also play pairs with Dunedin's Mike

TEAM LINEUP

WOMEN:

Singles: Jo Edwards (Nelson),

Pairs: Angela Boyd (Canterbury),
Jo Edwards (skip),

Triples: Katelyn Inch (Canterbury),
Val Smith (Nelson),
Mandy Boyd (Canterbury) (skip),

Fours: Angela Boyd,
Katelyn Inch, Val Smith, Mandy
Boyd (skip)

MEN:

Singles: Shannon McIlroy (Nelson),

Pairs: Mike Kernaghan (Dunedin),
Shannon McIlroy (skip)

Triples: Mike Nagy (Auckland),
Blake Signal (Wellington),
Ali Forsyth (Nelson) (skip),

Fours: Mike Nagy,
Mike Kernaghan,
Blake Signal,
Ali Forsyth (skip)

Kernaghan, returning after missing this year's Trans-Tasman and Six Nations events. Ali Forsyth, the only other male to have played at previous world championships will skip the triples and fours. Forsyth's aggressive style is much admired the world over and will ensure both these teams are real medal prospects.

After excellent results at last year's Asia Pacific Championships Dunedin's Paul Girdler is very unlucky to miss out to the inform Blake Signal. Signal's ultra-consistent play at this year's international events ensuring his name was included in the final list.

In naming the team Bowls New Zealand CEO Kerry Clark stated that "with the competition for places being the highest for many years we know we take a team into the World Championships that, on their home greens, we believe have every reason to be playing when the medals are finally contested. Home advantage counts for a lot but with that comes the added pressure to perform at home.

It's exciting to be hosting the World Championships and even more exciting knowing this team can deliver the medals required to make it a total success."

Bowls New Zealand



ALL'S GOOD FOR BOWLS LOOKING AHEAD

Hello all,

Such a busy time ahead, I shall be up and down dale attending events and, of course, I presided over the AGM on your behalf – full report in the October newsletter.

Coming up internationally is the African States Tournament in Zimbabwe (see article this newsletter... editor), with two new caps Brendan Ainley and Stephan de Jager to strut

their stuff. The event will be played under new format (World Bowls style) of playing three games a day with 18 ends for pairs, triples and fours - this will save time and shorten the tournament by two days, so saving expense and players' time.

Our brilliant Proteas are preparing for World Bowls at Christchurch, New Zealand at the end of the year – as you read this newsletter so the first training camp takes place at Belgravia BC and they will practice against the best the JBA can offer. SA bowls legend. Bill Moseley has organised the players, format and games – of course all to World Bowls specifications.

For SpecSavers we are busy negotiating live screening of the event, so watch the social media and the BSA website. Incidentally the Masters final in February will again be screened live on YouTube.

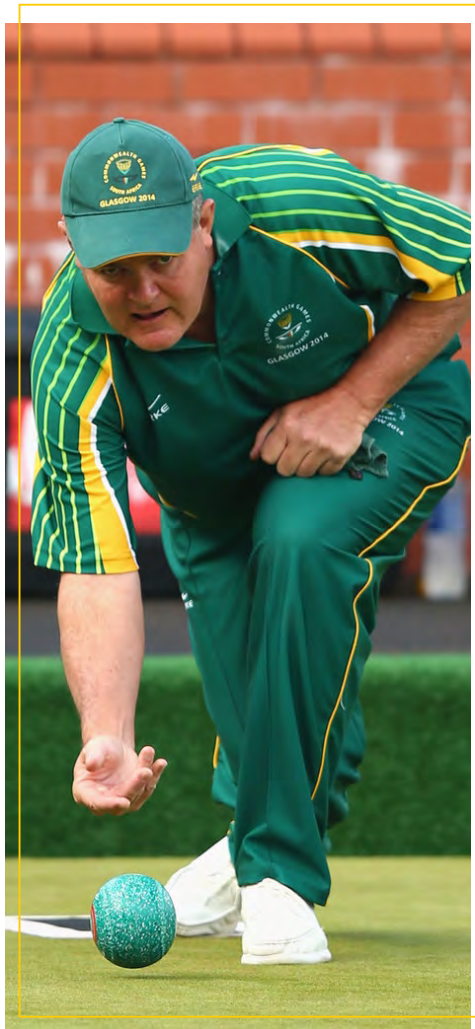
A new, exciting season beckons all club bowlers. Play well and hard and above all keep bowls firmly in your minds and those of your friends – be well and enjoy.

**Kallie Haupt -
President, Bowls South Africa**



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

SA DUO BOUND FOR HONG KONG



EASTERN BOUND: After an absence of more than 10 years, a South African pair will contest the prestigious Hong Kong International Bowls Classic - pairs and singles - in Hong Kong from November 5-13. The HKIBC was first introduced in 1981.

Over the years, the Classic has grown into one of the best outdoor bowls tournaments in the world. Commonwealth Games gold medallists Proteas Bobby Donnelly, left and Prince Neluonde of Johannesburg have been invited to represent South Africa at the event in which 24 pairs will compete from countries including Australia, New Zealand, England, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, Hong Kong, China, Canada, Philippines, Singapore and local qualifiers.

South Africans have won the event previously



STAR: Mirrie Ndungu

How wonderful it is, in this world where reprehensible acts of evil and daily examples of man's inhumanity to man seize the headlines, to share a 'feel good' human interest story of Disney proportions?

And it comes as no surprise that the bowls fraternity has risen to the occasion in this heart-warming yarn about the milk of human kindness. We're famous for it.

To set the scene we must first cast our minds back to the February edition of this e-magazine when our intrepid features writer Les Christie wrote about Mirrie Ndungu from Limuru, Kenya, and how she is making her mark on the African bowls scene.

It further eulogised the vivacious 34-year-old's performances in the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, where she gave defending champion Natalie Melmore from England a serious run for her money at Kelvingrove; then last year in Cyprus, where Mirrie actually defeated eventual gold medallist, Ireland's Catherine Beattie, during preliminary rounds of the Atlantic Championships.

However, it was Mr Christie's penultimate paragraph that resonated so strongly with the flat green faithful: 'This year the fiercely proud Kenyan star is hoping to compete in the world's most sought-after event, the Australian Open Championships on Queensland's Gold Coast.'

Certainly not a sentence to be etched in gold among the annals of sports journalism, but the fall-out has been immense.

Take a bow Ambassador Titus Ekai, the senior Kenyan government official who read the story and was so impressed by the possibilities that he facilitated Mirrie's travel to Australia for the event.

KENYA'S MIRRIE TAKES AFRICAN BOWLERS INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

Similarly, Tony Sherwill from Bowls Australia, who was aware of Mirrie's progress on the international scene, and provided an official invitation to assist her visa application to enter Australia for the championships.

Plaudits also go to 'Sandcastles On The Broadwater', the well-known apartment complex at Labrador, where most of the top bowlers prefer to stay when competing at that end of the Gold Coast. They kindly offered a three-night rest and recuperation stay for Mirrie after her gruelling 36-hour journey from Nairobi.

Next to hear about the project was the one and only Robbie Dobbins, a 1982 Commonwealth Games fours gold medallist for Australia as a player, and an international coach for more than 25 years, including stints with the national teams of Australia, Fiji, Malaysia, Scotland and Thailand. Good judges suggest the great man is the sport's ultimate skills teacher.

A Gold Coast resident for most of his adult life, Dobbins offered an advanced coaching program for the Kenyan prospect, reasoning that she would have no chance of being even remotely competitive, coming from greens in her part of the world that struggle to achieve double-digit speeds.

'It's a very difficult assignment for anyone visiting the Gold Coast to play professional bowls. These greens are the swiftest and most

wind-affected on the international circuit,' he said after her arrival. 'And it takes months to acclimatise to their vagaries, so Mirrie is right up against it. But she never takes a backward step and will learn a lot from the experience.'

Even more heart-warming was the kindness of the Dobbins family, Robbie and his delightful wife Beverley, who actually welcomed Mirrie into their home for the first week of her visit and, ultimately, into their hearts forever.

Another luminary within the bowls family, Henselite managing director Mark Hensell, was next to step up when word about Mirrie's impending visit filtered into his Melbourne office.

Without hesitation an offer to provide the latest Henselite XG Dreamline bowls, plus any other equipment and attire the young African star might require while in Australia was semaphored to Kenya.

A special vote of appreciation goes to one of the bowls fraternity's great organisers and everyone's favourite Gold Coaster, Melissa Larcombe.



STYLE: Making her mark

Melissa, a Queensland state representative who plays at Tweed Heads, took on the task of arranging live-in accommodation for the remainder of Mirrie's time in Queensland and securing playing partners for the rangy Kenyan in the Open pairs and fours.

And she did a fantastic job! Especially when

Mirrie's original pairs partner Lyn Cuthbertson was forced to withdraw because of an injury and Melissa pressed the irrepressible Thelma Sanday into service at the last minute. Most bowls folk would be aware that Thelma is former international star Julie Keegan's mum. It was Julie who won the Australian Open singles in 2006 and two years later claimed the world fours championship in Christchurch.

Melissa also managed to slot Mirrie into the trio of top Queensland players Dee Robertson, Tracy Foster and Sue McKenzie to create a formidable fours combination.

In fact, it was Dee who so generously invited Mirrie into her home for the duration of the Open, and she would have been thrilled to see her international visitor cheering at greenside when she won the silver medal in the women's singles.

'This has been the greatest experience of my life,' Mirrie said as she prepared to return to her

hometown.

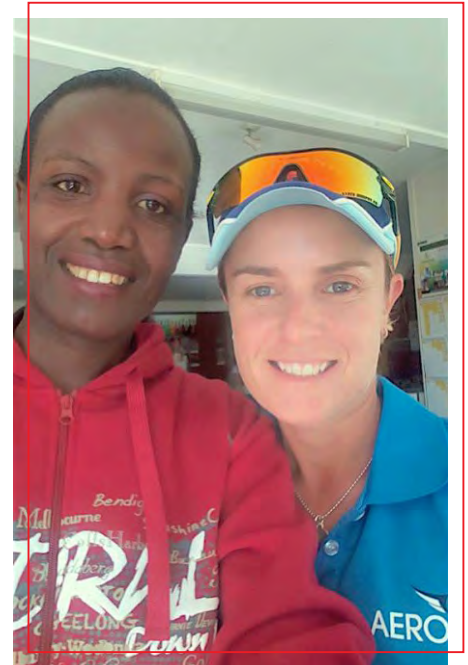
'The kindness of everyone who made it possible is beyond description. My coach Robbie Dobbins has been awesome, so has Bev, while Melissa, Dee, Mark Hensell, Tony Sherwill, everyone – I know I'll miss someone, but they all know who they are.

'And I met so many of the household names I have only ever read about, such as my idol Karen Murphy, the current world champion, Ellen Ryan, who won the Open last year and superstars Brett Wilkie and Aron Sherriff.

'And to rub shoulders with top international bowlers such as Siti Zalina Ahmad from Malaysia, Canada's Ryan Bester, Dorothy Yu from Hong Kong and Ali Forsyth from New Zealand has been a dream come true.

"I'll never forget it as long as I live."

David Allen
Editor, Bowls International



SELFIE TIME: Mirrie together with Karen Murphy of Australia

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MAGGIE THE TOAST AT WINELANDS

Former SpecSavers Pro10 national champion and SA Masters player Maggie Van Zyl is a proven champion and the Durbanville skip used her vast experience to ensure victory in the two-day Warwick Wealth Winelands Classic played at Worcester, reports Warwick's Doug Street. Club president Joggie Mentz opened the tournament on a chilly Saturday morning. A good spread of teams, including some from Edgemoed, Paarl, Laguna and Hex River took part. All three greens were full with teams of four and great competition ensued. Saturday evening saw the locals really pull out the stops with great cuisine and music. The weather gods were good, barring some early heavy mist that lifted after 10am on Sunday. The three top teams all finished within a point or two of one another.



WINNERS: FROM LEFT: Worcester president Joggie Mentz, Kevin Douglas, Maggie van Zyl, Piet van Zyl, Richard Lang with Warwick Wealth's Doug Street.



MISTY ONE: A shrouded green on Sunday AM

THE BELL & WARWICK RING UP THE CASH

Great fun and enjoyment for all took place at the Warwick Wealth Drawn Trips "Money Shower" at The Bell in KwaZuluNatal in August, reports Warwick's Stuart Milligan. It meant cash in the pocket – even the last placed team earned their entry fee back. The drawn trips event was played over three games of 15 ends on a skins format and each team earned cash for every end won.

The team earning most money was Louw Vermeulen, Margie Randall and Maureen Vorster, with Brian Sapsford, Renzo van Niekerk and Val Boshoff the runners-up; Warwick Wealth's "lucky draw" winners were Penny Hartmann (Warwick shirt & cap) and Margie Randall (Warwick cap).



WINNERS: Louw Vermeulen, Margie Randall, Maureen Vorster cashed in at The Bell



SECOND SPOT: Brian Sapsford, Renzo van Niekerk, Val Boshoff had a good day at The Bell

WARWICK/ WESTVILLE WOW THE LADIES

A highlight on the Port Natal women's bowls calendar is the Warwick Wealth/Westville "Women's Day" Tournament, reports the sponsor's Stuart Milligan. No fewer than 24 ladies triples teams participated in this annual event and was well supported by the Protea, Port Natal and local bowlers at Westville BC, Durban.

The three games of 15 ends on the skins format proved most competitive and the position at the top of the leader board was forever changing. Eventually, Glenda Matthews (senior SA Masters and international) ably supported by Gloria White and Susan Smith (Stella Park), emerged as winners, closely followed by Protea Jill Hackland (Umhlali) and her side; third came was Jill Buzzard (Northlands) and team. Myra Crompton (Hillary) bowling club was the lucky draw winner for the Warwick Wealth shirt and cap.



Tinus Oelofse

In May I participated in the SA Nationals in Durban, in my singles section I had to play a guy from WP, Tinus Oelofse and a man from Natal, writes Denis Paiva (White River BC, Mpumalanga) to the newsletter.

He said: "I lost my first and second games and sitting at lunch, Tinus says to me I would have to win my next game to give him a chance to win the section as the Natal player had beaten him and the WP man. I was lucky and walked away with a 21-2 victory, Tinus won his game and congratulated me on my win. He inquired should he be short one for the Gauteng Open if I would be interested (now knowing he is a Protea) I said yes. I saw this as just a pat on the shoulder as he did not even take my number.

At the beginning of June, I received a call from Tinus asking 'wil oom vir my kom speel?' Unfortunately, I did not play well (maybe

THINUS WINS A LIFELONG ADMIRER

wanting to do my best proved too much), nevertheless for we minnows from the platteland I felt like a king for a month to be invited to play in his team.

Thank you Tinus, for inspiring me; thank you to SA Bowls for selecting him. Sometimes we are all too involved with the big things and miss the small things that are so inspirational. He has made me a fan of bowls and of course, of him forever."

Denis Paiva



Denis Paiva



TOP LADIES: Glenda Matthews, Gloria White and Susan Smith



NEXT BEST: Jill Hackland, Cheryl Mostert and Moira Hutchinson



LUCKY: Draw winner Myra Crompton

NATIONAL CAMP INVITEES

The following are invited to attend a National Camp at Edenvale Bowling Club over Sept 30 - Oct 1.

WOMEN

Debbie Bradfield (BOR), Taz Bright (WPBA), Bridget Calitz (LIM), Ezile Fourie (BOL), Vicky Frost (BGN), Lavona Gordon (WPBA), Jacqui Janse van Rensburg (JBA), Rika Lynn (SBA), Shimanda Nepgen (EKB), Samanthe Olivier (WPBA), Peta Smith (JBA), Maggie van Zyl (WPBA).

MEN

Andrew Barrow (JBA), Cecil Bornman (BGN), Eugene Ferreira (WPBA), Chris Gau (JBA), Martin Lewis (JBA), George Lotter (SED), Wilson Malobolo (SBA), Wayne Rittmuller (PNB), Victor Siphali (JBA), Wayne Roberts (PNB), Joel Roebert (WPBA), Corrie Tagg (SBA).

HOSTS FOR 2018 WANTED

Districts are invited to apply to host the following national events during 2018:

- Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Open Inter-District Championships;
- Perfect Delivery: Bowls SA Senior Inter-District Championships;
- Bowls SA "B" Inter-District Championships;
- Bowls SA Mixed Pairs Championships.

It would be appreciated if your applications could reach the office on or before Monday, September 12.

OBITUARIES

GERALD TURNER

One of bowls' great stalwarts Gerald Turner, passed away on July 27. He served bowls with distinction as president of The South African Bowling Association 1989-1990. He was elected president of the World Bowls Board for 1996-1998 and was bestowed with honorary life vice-president status on the executive of Bowls South Africa. Gerald's contribution to our sport will be remembered with fondness and appreciation.

CYRIL KATZ

A great worker, administrator and fine player, Cyril Katz has died. He served the sport of bowls with distinction as the president of the Central Gauteng Bowling Association. His contribution to our sport is remembered with gratitude.

Bowls SA extends condolences to their family together with their many friends.

BSA CALENDAR 2017

FEBRUARY

- 10 - 12 Warwick Bowls SA Masters Singles Championship Wanderers, JBA
- 10 - 12 Warwick Bowls SA Senior Masters Singles Championship Wanderers, JBA
- 10 - 12 Warwick Bowls SA Junior Masters Singles Championship Wanderers, JBA

MARCH

- 11 - 25 World Cup (Indoor) Singles Warilla, Australia
- 13 - 17 Perfect Delivery Bowls SA Open Inter District Championship Edenvale, WPBA
- 04 - 08 Perfect Delivery Bowls SA Senior Inter District Championship Belgravia, NIBA
- 04 - 08 Bowls SA "B" Inter District Championship Port Elizabeth, KBA

APRIL

- 04 - 07 Warwick Bowls SA U/25 Inter District Championships Bloemfontein Municipals, SFS
- 04 - 07 U/19 Development Tournament Orangia, SFS

MAY

- 13 - 21 Warwick Bowls SA Men's National Championship Killarney, JBA
- 13 - 21 Warwick Bowls SA Women's National Championship Durbanville, WPBA

JUNE

- 21 - 24 SA Mixed Pairs Championship Honeydew, SBA
- 23 - 25 Zone Camps Various, TBA

JULY

- 27 - 30 International Quadrangular Windhoek, Namibia

JULY / AUGUST

- 30 - 05 Disability Bowls Nationals Discovery, SBA

AUGUST

- 11 - 13 National Camp, TBA
- 26 - 27 Workshop & Bowls SA Annual General Meeting, Edenvale, EKB

SEPTEMBER

- 09 - 17 African States Tournament TBA, Johannesburg
- 23 - 24 SpecSavers Bowls SA Pro10 Pairs Wingate, BGN

NOVEMBER

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MY "AGING" PAL- C. TRANSVALENSIS (VAR. BAYVIEW)

This issue differs from others as it is a chronicle of the writers' experience with Bayview. Taking note of changes in appearance and texture at Kowie BC, its stability must be questioned.

Two subtle changes were:

- 1. Changes in texture in a patch which was much finer and,*
- 2. Changes in appearance.*

The scientific evidence in the article of which Prof J J Spies (retired) was a co-author confirms genetic changes are more likely in Bayview and Silverton Blue. There are many un-answered questions, but perhaps this Grass Clippings will encourage greenkeepers to look more critically at their greens and discover patches they assumed as foreign grass were actually mutations.

In 1983 we, at Kowie Bowls Club, Port Alfred planted our new A green with Bayview grass (*Cynodon transvalensis*). Our choice of Bayview was based on my previous experience with two varieties of *C. transvalensis* namely Florida and Elliot on golf greens.

The fact that *C. transvalensis* provided a complete mat which was much thinner than that produced by *C. dactylon* made it the obvious choice for bowling greens. We selected Bayview because it had originated at the coast.

Over the years my partnership with Bayview flourished. It willingly responded to all our demands and consistency produced a bowling surface which elicited many complimentary remarks. It was so successful we planted 13 other greens all over South Africa with scarifyings taken from that A green.

This happy state of affairs lasted for about 23 years.

Although the running surface remained as true as ever, certain changes in the grass have caused me to doubt its stability and convinced me in our partnership I am not the only one exposed to the aging process.

Before going further into details of my friend I will dwell on the origins of the grass and its relatives.

In South Africa we are heavily dependent on the genus *Cynodon* to provide the playing surface for the game of bowls.

Apart from a few isolated plantings of *Paspalum* 95% of our bowling greens have been planted with *Cynodon dactylon* or *Cynodon transvalensis*.

GENUS CYNODON

The genus *Cynodon* belongs to the tribe *Chlorideae*.

In sports turf management we normally recognise two species viz. *C. dactylon* and *C. transvalensis* as qualifying for use on our finer sports fields notably golf, cricket, and bowls.

Having worked with both species over many years certain "deficiencies" in *C. transvalensis* have made me question its right to be regarded as a genuine "brother" of *C. dactylon*. It would be safe to assume that, in evolution *C. transvalensis* is much "younger" than *C. dactylon* which might lead one to conclude that *C. transvalensis* is actually a mutation of *C. dactylon*.



CYNODON DACTYLON

Cynodon dactylon is by far the commonest of the species and is internationally referred to as Bermuda grass although in South Africa it is commonly called "kweek".

It is a highly variable warm-season species within which substantial differences exist in colour, texture, density, vigor, and environmental adaptation. Its popularity on sports fields is based on the fact that it spreads laterally by both rhizomes and stolons.

In some species the lateral growth constitutes 80% of the total growth.

The growth characteristics vary from the elongated inter-nodal length and larger leaves found in semi-arid conditions to the short inter-nodes and small spiky leaves of Cape Royal - a fine variety of *C. dactylon* found on a golf course near Cape Town.



CYNODON TRANSVALENSIS

C. transvalensis, originated in Africa and is often referred to as African Bermuda. It is a much finer species (diminished inter-nodal length and smaller spiky leaves) and exhibits most of the characteristics of the *dactylon*, but does not show its environmental adaptability. The *C. transvalensis* are usually sterile and have to be propagated by planting sprigs.

The adaptability of *C. transvalensis* cannot be compared with that of *C. dactylon*. I have never seen a *C. transvalensis* survive in semi-arid conditions. There is no elongation in the inter-nodal length or changes in leaf size. The only visible signs of drought stress being wilting, reduction in leaf count, and eventual death of the plant.

In South Africa we have identified 5 varieties of *C. Transvalensis* - viz.



- **Florida** - Originally used extensively on the bowling greens of the Highveld. It has more recently, been supplanted by Bayview; deep rooted. Florida has never done well at the coast and attempts to transplant it to Australia or the USA have not been successful. Its real claim to fame is at the Tifton Research station, Atlanta, Georgia, it was hybridised with a *C. dactylon* from the USA to produce the Tifdwarf range - Tifeagle and its more modern hybrids are popular on golf courses in the southern states of the USA.

- **Elliot** - Originally identified in the North-Eastern Cape; only distinguishing feature being that it tends to turn mauve in early autumn.



- **Skaapplaas** - Apparently originally found on a farm in the Free Stats - shallow rooting. Dark green in colour

- Harrismith - Originally found near Harrismith; yellowish- green colour and deeprooted.
- Bayview - The odd man out. Whereas all the other varieties originated on the Highveld with its frost and summer rainfall, Bayview was first identified in the Western Province (winter rainfall). Shallow rooted - similar to Skaaplaas in texture and characteristics. Is it not a strange coincidence that the finest *C. dactylon* (Cape Royal) and the finest *C. transvalensis* (Bayview) should have originated a few kilometres from each other near Cape Town.



Of all varieties of *C. transvalensis* Bayview is the fastest grower and, strangely enough, better equipped to deal with salinity than any other *Cynodon* (for a period of two years the salinity (or TDS.) of the water we had to use at Kowie was more than 3000 ppm.)

Bayview has been a favourite for a number of years and has been successfully planted all over South Africa. Its fast growth and ability to recover a damaged area quickly has endeared it to many relatively inexperienced greenkeepers. Can the speed of growth be evidence of a latent genetic instability?

NB: Both Skaaplaas and Bayview have been planted extensively on cricket pitches because of shallow rooting and an ability to bind the upper surfaces.

THE "A" GREEN AT KOWIE



The A green at Kowie has, since 1983 provided a magnificent bowling surface for our members and many visitors. Although we have constantly managed to keep the green free of foreign invasive grasses we have not since 2012 been able to avoid certain changes which have caused me to question the aging process in Bayview.

Certain patches of a different grass have appeared on the green. These patches are, obviously, not foreign grasses, but subtle changes in the original grass. All this has forced me to question the genetic stability of the *C.*

transvalensis var. Bayview.

The Patches

1. About 10 years ago I noticed a small patch which was different from the rest in that it turned mauve in the early autumn and winter. While the texture of this patch is the same and indistinguishable from the rest of the green in the summer the mauve colour makes one think of Elliot grass. There are, now, two such patches which, over the years, have gradually got larger.
2. About the same time a small patch of grass which was much finer and denser than the rest appeared on the green. As this patch got larger it obviously affected the run of the bowl and even the mower changed its tune when running over the patch. More recently another similar patch has appeared. These patches are now about 1.00m in diameter. They require special management (vigorous verti-cutting) to keep the texture the same as the rest of the green.
3. Two darker patches appeared about five years ago; do I dare to say that they resemble Skaaplaas?

NB: I am convinced neither of the patches described in 1, 2, and 3 above are foreign grasses which have invaded the green, but rather, an insidious change in the grass itself. At the edges one can, over a period, see how the leaves would take on the new form. This is not an adaptation of the grass to environmental changes because the environment has remained constant. Neither are they hybrids because there have not been any patches of another grass in the vicinity.

Quotation from Internet (anon): "Although mutations can occur in genetically unstable hybrids they can, also, occur in a single specie without any other grass being in the proximity." I believe we are dealing with genetic changes in the grass but then why in two forms and what would have triggered it.

Hybrids and Mutations - Defined as offspring of genetically dissimilar parents, especially the offspring produced by breeding plants of different varieties, or species.

My first contact with a hybrid was at the Wits University Sportsturf Research Station at Frankenwald in the early 50's.

Between a square of Cape Royal (*C. dactylon*)

and an adjacent square of Elliot (*C. transvalensis*) another grass developed. It was isolated, propagated, then named Frankenwald Fine. It was sold commercially to some golf courses and bowling clubs. Unfortunately, as soon as it was under stress it became unstable and patches of the parents appeared on the greens. Further production was stopped.

The development of the Tifdwarf range, at Tifton, is an obvious example of successful hybridisation

While some hybrids eventually become genetically stable they usually have a problem developing an acquired immunity to infection and weeds.

MUTATIONS

"It has been demonstrated that some cultivars planted on our greens have an inherent genetic instability that can lead to the creation of "mutations""(cultivars with different characteristics) - (Genetic Purity) Internet.

The first mutation I saw was on an old Florida green in Gauteng - a patch of denser and finer grass. The next mutation was this one described at Kowie. The strange part of it all is that when I planted grass from this patch into a specially prepared nursery the grass that grew reverted to the original Bayview.

Having completed my clinical examination and without arriving at an acceptable diagnosis I turned to a more scientific evaluation of the problem.

The answer came in an article on RAPD analysis in DNA testing by R Roodt*, JJ Spies* and T H Burger "These results were used to determine the genetic distances among cultivars. The cultivars Silverton Blue and Bayview exhibited the greatest genetic variation. RAPD analyses can therefore, be used to distinguish between different *C. dactylon* cultivars and to determine the genetic variation between them by calculating genetic distances. The distances within some of the existing cultivars are very large, which indicate large levels of genetic variation within these cultivars. This is especially true for the two cultivars Bayview and Silverton Blue.

These results, in which these two cultivars are clearly non-monophyletic, might indicate that either the taxonomy of these cultivars are confused or the samples are in fact not purebred cultivars any more. The last possibility is very feasible in this group of grasses that constitute a heterogeneous group of varieties with considerable genotypic as well as phenotypic variation and in which outcrossing is frequent."

The University of the Free State has for a number of years been doing DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) profiling on grasses.

Many of our newer grasses have been tested there before going ahead with commercial development

The above excerpt from the article appears to confirm over an extended period, Bayview (and Silverton Blue) can become genetically unstable.

Here we have the position that the Bayview was taken out of its natural environment in the mountains of the Western Cape and planted at a coastal town in the Eastern Cape. Can we say that for 23 years the Bayview tried to adapt to its new surroundings and that eventually, in some of the plants, we saw a re-arrangement of the genomes to produce alternative forms of the specie.

Logically the next obvious step would be to take samples from each patch to determine DNA profile. Unfortunately, our limited funds would not justify the expenditure and we would, therefore, have to abide by our tentative diagnosis.

Prof Spies assures me mutations are rare (one in a million), but as he points out as there are more than a million plants on a bowling green it is possible to have a few mutations. My question, therefore, is - if one individual plant becomes genetically unstable and mutates what makes that condition spread to the adjacent plants - as is happening now. Speaking as a medical doctor I would imagine it is not beyond the bounds of probability for there to be a causative organism e.g. a virus spreading to adjacent plants irritating the plants to the extent they develop genetic instability.



Comment: Talking about mutations and looking at the enormous variations of grasses classed under *C. dactylon*, do we assume that they are genetic variations within the broader mantle of one specie?

Looking further afield to ascertain whether other countries planting warm-season grasses

experience a similar problem I find it interesting that the Australians (since 1963) will not use a green for state or national tournaments if it is "tainted" with foreign grass. (Question: are they only referring to foreign grass or have they also experienced genetic changes in their hybrids?).



Their larger bowling clubs re-plant their greens regularly to avoid any foreign patches influencing the run of a bowl.

In the USA the major golf clubs regularly re-plant the greens - ostensibly because they want to plant new - more acceptable cultivars. Are they also being cautious because of the possibility of genetic instability in some of their hybrids?

It is difficult to find authoritative publications on the origin and spread of mutations - is it because the other warm-season countries nip the process in the bud by not giving the grass on their greens time to develop mutations.

We, in South Africa, are much more conservative in our attitude towards re-planting the grass on our bowling greens. Few clubs re-plant greens. Perhaps the fact we have been much more lenient towards the presence of foreign grasses than the Aussies has not put pressure on our clubs to change.

CONCLUSIONS

This issue differs from others and would be of interest only to a limited number of our greenkeepers. It poses a number of unanswered questions. Suffice it to say it is a chronicle of changes which have taken place on an old green. Perhaps this article will prod some of our greenkeepers to take a second look at their greens - perhaps the patches of different grasses they see are actually mutations?

It is interesting two of the most popular grasses used on bowling greens in South Africa (Bayview and Silverton Blue) were identified in that article as being the most unstable.

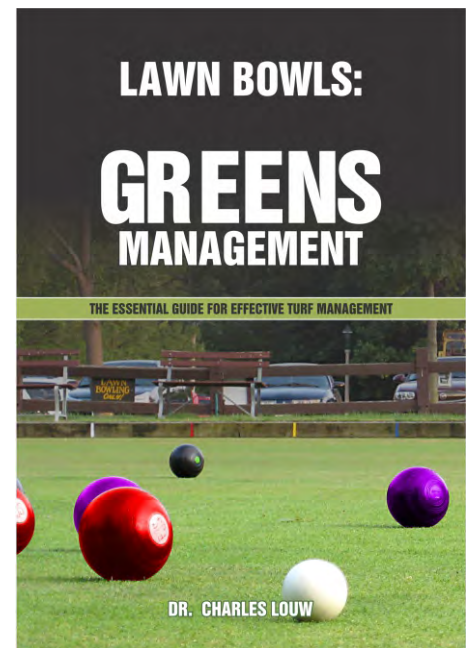
While I know of many successful plantings of Silverton Blue in warmer climates there is evidence in the colder Southern Cape, Silverton has undergone changes which might indicate genetic instability.

Are we now going to condemn Bayview as an unsuitable grass for bowling greens or is it more fitting to accept a grass subjected to environmental changes and intense cultivation required on a bowling green has every right to call it quits after 20 years?

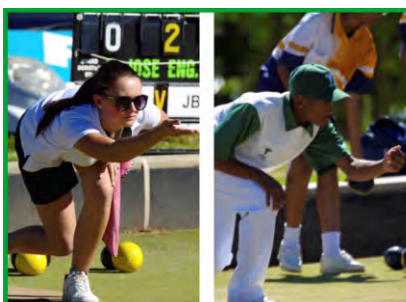
What I have seen on my green has not dimmed my regard for Bayview.

Bayview is, in my opinion, still the grass of choice for bowls greens anywhere in South Africa.

Dr Charles Louw



Dr Charles Louw's book - Lawn Bowls: Greens Management is a compilation of the knowledge he has gained from his many years as a greenkeeper. It is both informative and comprehensive, and its contents will be of invaluable assistance to all greenkeepers who strive to provide a good playing surface for their Clubs. Order yours through your District office.



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The SPEC-SAVERS PRO 10 PAIRS TOURNAMENT in its third year is a much sought after title at both District and National Level. It is enjoyed by all participants with the cherry on top being the opportunity to represent your District at national level.

The tournament starts off in the districts where each will hold a District Pro 10 tournament. By virtue of winning or being runner-up in their Districts participants earn the right to test their skills against the best from around the country in the Bowls S.A. National Final.

The Format of the Tournament is Two Bowl Pairs played over 10 ends. Teams can be made up of an all Men, all Women or Mixed Gender combination but both participants must be from the same club. The scoring is a total of ten points per end, with the nearest to the jack scoring 4 points, the second shot 3 points, third shot 2 points and the fourth shot 1 point, the maximum points per game 100 points.

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CONVENORS CORNER



ILZE BAKKES,
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National Standing Committee
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Interaction happens everyday between individuals or groups, at work or at home, at sport and during leisure time. A large majority find that the best place to network is indeed during sport! We are playing a sport where we can interact with our fellow bowlers and engage with so many that are non bowlers. With us loving our sport, why do we not invite our friends, family and those we work with to enjoy a game of bowls?

Bowls gives each of us the opportunity to introduce our sport to those around us, as this sport is indeed for LIFE! Let us take you to travel with us and map our sport throughout the country!

Thank you for the team and Bowls SA in believing in us this year.

Woman in the Sport of Bowls has come a long way. In celebrating our woman and our girls this month Bowls SA extended the wish that we invite and engage with woman and girls of all ages by inviting them to join us. Did you have fun and was it enjoyed with either a high tea with cupcakes, fun hats or just colourful shirts? The woman is your club is special and I wish all of you the best and salute you for your contribution at your club.

Yours in Bowls
Ilze Bakkes



MARKETING OFFICER Bowls SA

Hi, my name is Kim Kritzingler and I'm the new Marketing Officer for Bowls SA.

In practical terms, I'm the person that listens to what the members need from Bowls SA and also to what the public thinks of bowls as a sport.

I listen, I think, I research, I plan and I implement.

In my role as Marketing Officer I'm also a member of the NSC Membership and Marketing - a dynamic and energetic team that is actively focussed on making sure that bowlers are happy and also on encouraging new players to try the sport. I'm here to make sure that the goals of Bowls SA and of the M&M committee are achieved, through integrated marketing campaigns that extend across all platforms - both digital and traditional.

At this moment we are working on two massive projects to take bowls forward: the Marketing Toolkit and the 1Sport4Life campaign. The first is to equip clubs with up-to-date "best practice" manuals as well as customised marketing material which can be used to promote individual clubs to potential members. The second is an interactive campaign aimed at the public, with the goal of making bowls the sport of choice for all age groups.

Both campaigns launch on 1 September - catch our next M&M newsletter for full details!



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SPEC-SAVERS PRO10 Pairs Tournament

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The whole idea of the format was to break from tradition and introduce a fast fun filled format whilst never losing the skill level needed to compete.

It normally has a festive atmosphere with music, colorful dress and lots of fun. In much the same way as T20 has changed the face of cricket the Pro10 is very much a quick adventure and if you blink the game is over. The scoring format also introduces a new dynamic to the sport as scoring 2nd/3rd and 4th shot is worth more than simply holding the shot. So strategy and tactics are critical. Whilst the temptation might be there for a running shot the impact of missing effectively reduces your chances by 25% so think carefully before you venture for the bold shot.

Spec-Savers have been tremendous in their support and in discussion with them they are excited about the opportunity to actively promote their products and services on our communication media. Seeing this as a positive step forward, Bowls SA would like to give Spec-Savers this opportunity to reach the bowlers in our districts and give them the assurance that we and our members support them and their brand as much as they have shown their loyalty and support for us and our brand.

Previous Winners **Spec-Savers Pro10**



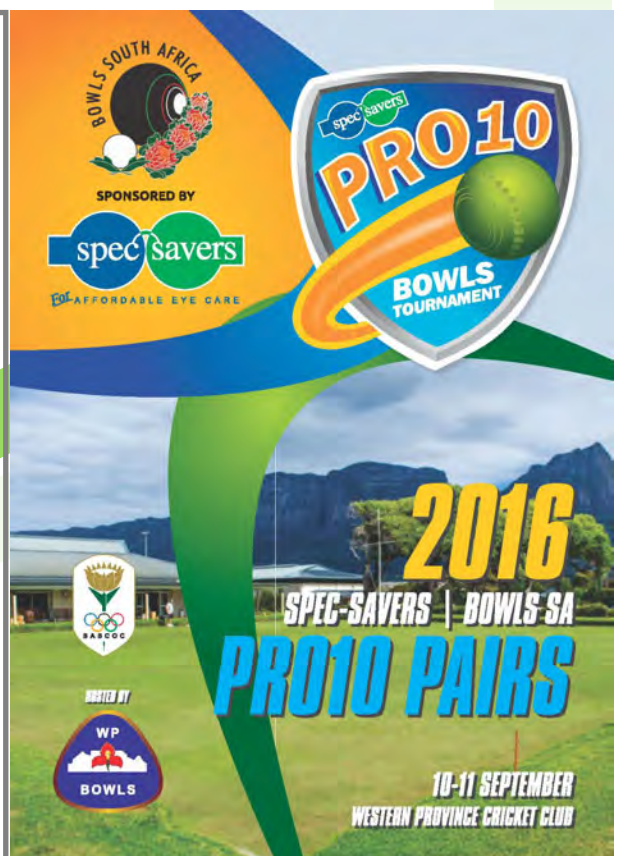
2014 Gold

Held in the Eastern Province it was the Western Province's Lydia Maritz & Maggie van Zyl that took gold! They received the trophy from Dudu Zikiza from the Optometrist / Franchisee SpecSavers Port Elizabeth



2015 Gold

Held in the district of JBA it was the successful pair of Daniel Loubser & Trish Young from Western Province that took gold! They are seen here receiving the trophy from Olwethu Nkonki





ONE SPORT FOR WHAT!?

BY OWEN

If you have read our previous two newsletters, you would have noticed the word 1Sport4Life popping up here and there. In a discussion a while back, NSC M&M members were throwing around ideas about what makes bowls special and if it is any different from other sports. The thought gradually surfaced that bowls IS unique. It is the only sport we know of that has no defined minimum or maximum age. You can quite literally start playing bowls when you are able to walk and still be playing it well into your nineties. From there it was a short leap to the obvious slogan “Bowls: 1Sport4Life”.

This is what makes our sport so unique and also so very marketable. It can be enjoyed by anyone of any age from any background, regardless of their level of fitness or mobility. We challenge any other sporting code to match that!

For the last few months we have been marketing the 1Sport4Life slogan on Facebook and many of you have already seen it and shared it with your friends. What has become one of the worst-kept secrets of the year is that the main 1Sport4Life campaign is launching country-wide on 1 September 2016 with the sole purpose of offering the public a fresh look at our fascinating sport and assisting clubs to grow their member numbers in the process. For a while we have been hearing “what does Bowls SA do for us?” Well here is one of the answers: Bowls SA has initiated a nationwide campaign which will drive interest directly to clubs. The aim of 1Sport4Life is to connect bowling clubs and people who are looking for a sport that can be played by anyone, of any age, without limitations. Clubs who sign up for this campaign will receive free publicity on the 1Sport4Life website and social media pages.

What's the catch, you ask? There is only one: to qualify, clubs must be ready and willing to welcome potential members of all ages and all walks of life. Is your club a 1Sport4Life club?

In preparation for the 1Sport4Life campaign launch, an email was recently circulated to all bowling clubs to confirm club contact details. If your club secretary did NOT receive this email, please get them to contact M&M at mandm@bowlssa.co.za asap.



PS:

We are all very aware that wanting to grow is not that simple - it requires more than just a desire and a need. To further assist districts and clubs, we will shortly be providing all districts with a comprehensive Membership and Marketing Toolkit. A practical, usable toolkit containing professional marketing tools, posters, infographics, promotional items and more. More about this very soon ...

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CERES'LY ENJOYED BY ALL

Despite the cold Cape weather, six blind bowlers and their dedicated coaches from the Bolland district paid an annual visit to the Ceres Bowling Club on Saturday, 16 July 2016. Organiser, Gladys Bradley from Worcester assisted in the arrangements. The afternoon turned into a memorable time with the Blindies, as they are affectionately called, and their coaches. Some delightful stories were shared, interesting conversations were had and of course the local players showed off their bowling skills! The blind bowlers that came to play shared information with regards to how they lost their sight, the degree of sight that each had and how they enjoy bowls as a sport. All of them fall in the bowling categories B1 to B4.



To the amazement and enjoyment of the Ceres bowlers, the skills level that the blind bowlers exhibited was very high and many a person could only appreciate our own good fortunes, but also realize that being handicapped is not the end of the world. With courage, hard work and a positive attitude much can still be achieved. The Ceres Bowling Club applaud and appreciate the efforts of the Blindies and of course their coaches, some of whom have been at it for 40 years!

SUCCESSFUL YOUTH CAMP IN LIMPOPO





Taking it's toll on everything at Hillary BC the water damage can be seen here on the green as well as the surrounding grounds and the inside the clubhouse.

WATER, WATER (& MUD) EVERYWHERE!

Received via T
Davis re Hillary BC

From Sunday 24th to Tuesday 26th July Durban experienced a torrential downpour, recording in excess of 350 mm over a 48 hour period. Several clubs in the Port Natal district experienced flooding but none more so than Hillary Bowling Club. A storm water drain above the club got blocked, diverting the flood waters into the premises. The greens were covered in soil and debris, as shown in the pictures and the clubhouse had half a meter of water in it when the storm was at its peak.

Initial reports suggested that the club would be closed for at least three months, as they had no definite idea of what damage had been done to the playing surfaces. The club members however had other ideas and under supervision of the President, Mark Ramsden, set about the clean-up of the greens and the clubhouse. Mark provided labour from his company to assist the volunteers and only a week later one green was ready for play, with the second well on the way.

Fortunately, there was no erosion of the playing surfaces and time will tell whether there are any after-effects of the drowning. Work on the repair of surrounding fences, infrastructure and the rehabilitation of the clubhouse will take a bit longer.

The members of the club with a never-say-die attitude are to be congratulated on their efforts and have illustrated what can be achieved in the face of adversity.

Well done guys and dolls, we are proud of you. A great example to us all of how club members can pull together and get a tough job done!



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NATIONAL TRANSPLANT GAMES

Media Contact: Hermann Steyn, admin@transplantsports.org.za

Transplant athletes in Johannesburg for the 12th National Transplant Games

JOHANNESBURG - South Africa's transplant athletes will be in Johannesburg on 7, 8 and 9 October 2016 to compete at the 12th National Transplant Games, hoping to qualify for the World Transplant Games. This event is presented by the Gauteng Transplant Sports Association in collaboration with SATSA (The South African Transplant Sports Association). Transplant Sport is governed by their international body. They have about 150 members nationally. Membership to them is based on the fact that you have had a life threatening transplant, hence so few members. SATSA is recognized by the Department of Sport & Recreation and SASCOC and is a Member of the World Transplant Games Federation (WTGF), recognized by the IOC.

The public is invited to come and experience the Celebration of Life which all athletes will display at these Games. The vibrant city of Johannesburg is the setting of this year's events and is sure to inspire athletes from ages 5 to 80 years, to underline the talent that will represent South Africa in Malaga, Spain in 2017.

"The National Transplant Games is always the highlight on the transplant calendar," Hermann Steyn, Executive Secretary of SATSA explained, "It is the point in every transplant athlete's year where they strive to be at their best, ensuring they gradually improve their own performances, while keeping one eye on their goals to qualify for Spain."

"The University of Johannesburg has always had superb facilities and we're sure this will help inspire our athletes to perform." As always, the track and field and swimming remain the draw cards, and the other sports disciplines athletes will compete in are tennis, table tennis, badminton, squash, golf, cycling, ten pin bowling, road racing and petanque. Several sport codes that will be played will unfortunately not be able to participate in the Games during 2017 due to the fact that these codes form part of and get played in participating Commonwealth Countries (Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Hong Kong, Malaysia, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa).

Lawn bowls will also be played but the players won't be able to qualify for the World Games as the venue for the 2017 Transplant Games, Spain is not a Commonwealth country. The Transplant Games had bowls before in 2008 with the World Games taking place in Australia during 2009 and again in 2012 with the World Games in South Africa during 2013. Lawn Bowls have an attraction of 40 plus members and at this year's National Transplant Games they offer members to play bowls on the Sunday morning after the games. Morningside BC will be the venue for the patanque on the Friday and again for the bowls on the Sunday. The organisers hope to see established bowlers like Anton Grobler, Robyn Emslie, Attie Kok, Marion Oldfield, Pat Dicks and Kobus Weideman and also some of the novice players.

For more information about the Games please visit www.transplantsports.org.za or email admin@transplantsports.org.za For information about organ donation please visit www.odf.org.za



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ENVAR BUYS YOUTH TOURNAMENT

BACKGROUND and future projection of the TOURNAMENT – by Theuns Coetzee

“Envar Buys was one person who lost his life at bowls but subsequently gave new life to bowls resulting in the birth of the Envar Buys Tournament”. On 2 April 2013 a terrible tragedy occurred at the Bowls SA National U19 Development tournament held in Klerksdorp. One of the Southern Cape (now Eden) bowlers namely Envar Buys, drowned in the hostel swimming pool adjacent to the bowling club.

Trevor Davis (Eden District President at the time) and Aloma Smith of Bowls SA (former member of BSA NSCPD Committee at that time) together with team Managers Theuns Coetzee of Boland and Theo van Aswegen of Eden, discussed the possibility of an annual combined mini-tournament in memory of Envar Buys in the WCB region and that the Tournament will be known as the “Envar Buys Tournament” and should the tournament be successful it will be rotated between the WCB districts Eden, Boland and Western Province. Trevor discussed the possibility of such a tournament with Mrs Buys, Envar’s Mom, who was grateful for seeing her son’s name being honored in such a unique way.



Mrs Buys, Envar’s mother, seen here with the trophy at the 2014 Oudtshoorn Envar Buys Tournament

2016 Envar Buys Tournaments, Boland

Hermanus BC will be the host for the U45’s and both Bonnievale and Robertson for the U19’s. The intention is to increase the tournament to 288 players (estimated growth of 49%) and teams will be fours instead of trips. Both tournaments will consist of two categories namely a “Super League” and the “Newbie League”. The road towards the future of the Envar Buys tournament is growth and restructuring to ensure players play in their various age groups.

The Department of Culture and Sport was approached for funding and were given the format and categories. DCAS informed the WCB Committee that they would fund the 2016 Boland Envar Buys tournaments with R22000-00.



2017 Envar Buys Tournaments

The Under 19’s will be held in the Eden district and the Under 45’s might be held in WP. The aim is to grow by 30% and have 90 players in Eden playing fours in a under 15 division (new) **and a 108 players also playing fours in a under 20 division (new)**. For the rest of the field of under 45’s the aim is 188 players also playing fours. This will give a total of 376 players at a 30% growth.

It is therefore envisaged that the 2018 Envar Buys tournaments will be held in Eden (U15), WP (U20) and Boland (U45). To show another growth of 30% that will have a total of 476 players on the greens in 2018!

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2013

EB Tournament growth

The first tournament for Under 19's were held at Bonnievale BC, Boland. Playing trips in two divisions with 48 players with representation from WP, Boland, Eden and Border Districts. After the success of the tournament a meeting was held and it was decided that the tournament will fall under the banner of the Western Cape Bowls (WCB) who will manage the tournament in future.



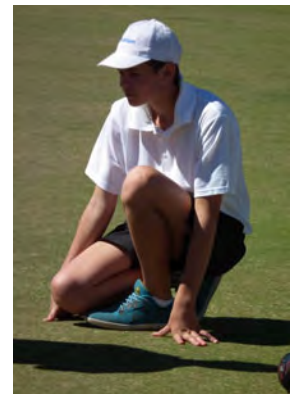
2014

Second tournament for Under 19's held at Oudtshoorn BC, Eden. Theo van Aswegen was the organiser for the 2nd EB Tournament in Eden and with his dedication ensured that this tournament was well organized. Playing trips in two divisions, an open section and a development section, 63 players representing WP, Boland, Eden and Border turned up. Some U25 players were included. The tournament showed a positive growth of 31%. The future growth of the EB tournament with the inclusion of the next age group level up to that of 30/45 years were discussed. At the U19 Inter-District Development Tournament, Theuns Coetzee and Gerrit van Milligen with BSA Standing Committee discussed the age groups 30/45 issue. During this meeting they tabled the necessity to establish tournaments for bowlers under the age group 30/45 with the main purpose to further develop the sport amongst the younger generations. They also indicated that Western Cape Bowls were eager to promote bowls for that age group at the next Envar Buys Tournament.



2015

Third Tournament held in the Western Province. Both the U19's and the U45's EB Tournaments were held simultaneously the same weekend at separate venues, the U19s at Strand BC and the U45s at Gordons Bay BC. Format still trips with a 141 players playing in two divisions. This was a huge growth of 44%! Trevor Davis, BSA, was the guest of honor. Mr Kobus Mike, Western Cape Department of Education, attended as a special guest. At a follow-up meeting the WCB Committee decided to try and maintain the 30% growth. With such a growth in mind it would be necessary to separate the two age groups in order to accommodate all the players. One of the reasons given were that the 2016 Host, Boland, did not have sufficient bowling facilities to host both the age groups at one venue or simultaneously.



Further good news during 2015, due to the hard work and dedication of Ronnie Cloete, a member of Boland and stalwart of bowls under the young people, was the **inclusion of Bowls as a School Sport in the Western Cape.**

Some of the persons who have been involved with the Envar Buys Tournaments over the past three years are: Aloma Smith, Trevor Davies, Theo van Aswegen, Fonny Meyerdricks, Martin van Zyl, Koos Louw, Gerrit van Milligen, Christo Olivier, Theuns Coetzee, Anina Black, Paul Cohen and Johan Havenga



INTRODUCING YOU TO...

Scotsman, Malcolm Webster



Born November 1948 Edinburgh Scotland

Married in 1968 to Margaret (Sandie)

Immigrated to SA in July 1974

Iscor Head Office Pretoria (Research and Development)

Two sons, residing in Australia and in South Africa

Transferred in 1977 to Newcastle KZN. Head Quality Assurance Mining division, retired in 2001

Started bowls.

Member at Newcastle BC

Relocated to Hillcrest BC 2013

Member of Gilletts Bowling Club.

Joined M&M Committee 2016

Portfolio—Responsible to all four KZN Districts

Favourite food - Fish and Chips

Favourite drink - Coca Cola (the only Scotsman that does not drink)!

Enjoyment - Trout fishing, Egyptology, helping the needy projects, Church, and DIY.

Favorite saying - "Happiness IS.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, my name is **Malcolm Webster** and I am a member of the National Standing Committee, Membership & Marketing. I started my bowling career at Newcastle Bowling Club many years ago. Since then I have been Newcastle Club President, KZNCB Development Liaison officer, KZNCB Vice President and now am a member of the NSC M&M at Bowls South Africa.

From start to finish my one driving force in all these positions has been to enhance the game of bowls, increase membership and ensure the future of the "Game of Bowls". I have been asked many times by various people, why do you do this? The answer to that question is actually easy but yet forms a very integral part of my life.

It is due to two very important persons in my life.

Firstly when I started bowls my coach, a fellow Scotsman named Bert Rogers, instilled in me a lesson that has continued all during my bowling career. Whilst coaching me (free of charge?), most unusual for a Scotsman, he repeatedly told me "never forget, it's not what you get out of bowling, it's what you put back in that will give you the most enjoyment", a very wise man indeed, as I can't explain enough the enjoyment I have had so far.

The second person that has an influence on why I do what I do is my twelve year old Grandson Jordan, although at present there is facilities for participation of the youth in bowls I want to ensure that if he wants to play bowls ten or twenty years from now, that the Clubs, greens and the game of bowls still exist.

The one highlight that will give me the initiative to carry on was attending the Inter District Under19's / 25's Tournament in Bloemfontein this year. When one sees these kids enthusiasm and drive I defy anyone not to get involved in keeping this sport alive.

I would like to advise anyone if they want to enjoy bowls on and off the green, join a Club/District Committee and contribute towards keeping the sport alive and going from strength to strength.

Thank you for this chance to introduce myself to you.

Malcolm

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GEORGE KEEP REACHING NEW GOALS!



These photos were taken at George BC during one of the first training sessions for first group of school teachers in South Africa to enable them to coach the young learners in their respective schools. **Eighteen assistant coaches received their certificates and badges.**

Currently there are **50 children from 5 schools** in the George area that receive coaching on Tuesdays and Thursdays. **These 50 are over and above the 16 teenagers and young adults that have already gone through the coaching programme** offered by members of the George BC. This group of young people are now full members of the club and have taken part in club competitions - one group finished in 3rd place in the 2016 District league!

A few of these young players were amongst those invited to attend the **Cape Town Zone** camp held by Bowls South Africa recently for **identifying future talent.**

George BC is fortunate to have some hardworking individuals whose efforts and dedication have made it possible for new bowling talent to surface in the Eden Bowls District.

The Zone Camp invited players with Johan Havenga is Johlene Bronkhorst, Jackie Rabie, Ynolan Isaacs, Dillon Booyesen Jason Erasmus and Bronlynn Jumat.

Congratulations George, especially Hilton, oom Johan and Trevor for your dedication and continuous work.



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The **Strand Bowling Club** celebrated another successful year on the bowling green when they recently held their annual prize-giving function. Aloma Smith, known for her efforts with development and youth involvement with bowls, once again watched with pride as junior players were honoured.

★ During the past month the Strand BC started coaching some Strand High School girls after the High School enrolled 27 learners for the schools' development coach-

Chawnae Pedro was awarded a special "Trophy of Achievement - Junior Member" award.



On the group photo with the youngsters is the sponsor, Jan van Zyl from Miller Bosman Le Roux Lawyers (from l to r 2nd in the back row), Rusthof Secondary School was represented by the Head Master, Mr John Gelland seen holding the trophy awarded to the school with teachers Myra Julies en Gawie Louw. Dup du Plessis, President of Strand BC and the Vice President Elsabé Hardick and Aloma Smith complete the dignitaries. The players in the blue shirts were selected to represent WP this year with those in the red shirts being the junior development players.

HERMANUS LEARNERS GATHER ON GREEN



A large number of learners from the local Hermanus high school is seen here with club coaches on the bowling greens. According to Ronnie Cloete, M&M member, the local primary school indicated their interest in starting the game.

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Introduction to local authorities

Most Bowling Districts, Clubs and lawn bowlers are familiar with SASCOC and the National Department of Sport and Recreation as far as what they represent, their vision and their aims and even how to contact them if necessary. But very few people are aware that, although we have National and Provincial Sports and Recreation entities, there exists Municipal Sport and Recreation Departments in most Municipalities too. For instance at Amajuba, Durban, Johannesburg, etc..



Should one contact any one of these Municipal entities you would be very surprised at how many sporting codes are catered for eg. boxing, cricket, basketball, etc. – the list is endless, but one sporting code, bowls, is usually not on their lists. Why, one might ask.

The answer to that is simple. Very few Districts or Clubs have ever introduced themselves and notified their local departments what bowls is all about and what is available in their respective Municipalities (possibly with a small presentation to show bowls and clubs). Each Municipality has a yearly budget for these entities and caters for rural sports as well as their respective Towns/Cities. By going onto their respective web sites one can see the sterling work which is carried out by many of them.

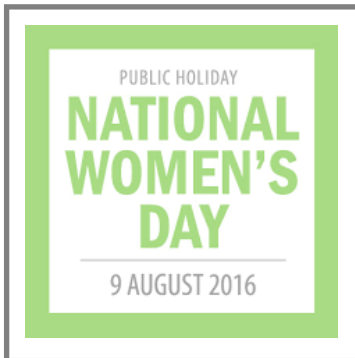
A perfect example is Durban who have a separate section called Youth Development. (Sound familiar?) In 2010 a Sports Indaba was held at the ICC in Durban where most of the delegates were from their respective Municipalities and the various sporting codes but only one representative from the bowling fraternity was present, a KZNCB member also representing Amajuba Municipality who was allowed to give a brief presentation on “Youths in Bowls”. Most of the other delegates were astounded that they were unaware not only what was being done for the Youth but were ignorant of what bowling entailed.

One may ask what I am getting at, but surely if one is serious about promoting the game, then every avenue that is available must be taken to get the message out there that the benefits of a non contact sport with team building capabilities is available to one and all. What better way to do this than by contacting your respective Municipal Sport and Recreation entity and getting yourself known and demonstrate what is available and what type of support from them is needed, be it financial or only recognition of the sport. It is not just up to the few to make our sport work, but also for each individual out there. So fellow Bowlers, look in your respective phone books, get their phone number, make an appointment with them and “Get them Rolling”





WOMAN AND GIRLS PLAYING BOWLS



August CELEBRATE WOMAN. What did your club do to invite more Woman and Girls to the Sport of Bowls? What is your district doing to introduce the Sport and to grow the number of female participants in the district? Can we all learn from each other?

We request all the districts and clubs to submit **feel good stories which enhance and celebrate our woman and our sport** anytime during the month of August. We will also welcome stories of our Woman and our girls that is making a difference already in the sport of bowls so please share with us your newest young talent, the young stars of South African Bowls, the Protea or district player that has been selected or the administrator or coach. The ladies that give of their time in the kitchen or ensures that your district

team are dressed in similar uniform. Whatever it is LET US MAKE OUR WOMAN AND GIRLS PROUD OF BEING BOWLS PLAYERS and let us WELCOME NEW PLAYERS TO OUR CLUBS AND OUR DISTRICTS.

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